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I, William J. WALKER, inventor of the above-captioned application, do hereby declare the following. The present application was fully conceived by me prior to January 26, 2000. I am the author of the attached seven (7) page document entitled "A Mechanism For Converting Between Java Classes and XML" (THE DOCUMENT). THE DOCUMENT was forwarded by me to in-house counsel, Mr. Joseph Opalach, as an attachment to an email dated January 26, 2000. A copy of this email is attached. On January 27, 2000, Mr. Opalach acknowledged my email (copy attached). Further, a "Patent Submission IDS #121717" was opened by Mr. Opalach on January 27, 2000. Copies of docketing records dated January 31, 2000 and August 3, 2000 referencing my invention submission #121717 are also attached to this Declaration.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further declare that these statement and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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